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## Kings Hill

### LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 67 miles southeast of Great Falls, Montana on U.S. 89.  
**Normal Season:** December 1 to April 20.  
**Operation:** Weekends, holidays, and Fridays.  
**Elevations:** 6860 feet to 8190 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 400 acres of runs. Advanced — 15% Intermediate — 50% Novice — 35%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	1330	6280	760
t-bar	1050	4250	1200
platter	450	2450	600
platter	350	1800	500
rope tow			

**Facilities:** Day lodge, cafeteria, ski shop with rentals, and ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** White Sulphur Springs, nearby resorts (5-7 miles) and Great Falls.

**For Information:** Ski Lift Inc., Box 1405  
Great Falls, Mont. 59401  
406-236-5522

## Bridger Bowl

### GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 19 miles northwest of Bozeman, Montana, turn off I-90 at interchange.  
**Normal Season:** November 15 to April 20.  
**Operation:** Daily  
**Elevations:** 6100 feet to 8100 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 380 acres of runs, 170 acres other. Advanced — 25% Intermediate — 55% Novice — 20%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	1540	5130	800
chair	1500	7450	960
chair	1090	3240	1110
t-bar	250	1500	1000

**Facilities:** Day lodge, cafeteria, ski shops with rentals, ski school, and restaurant with lounge.

**Overnite Accommodations:** Bozeman, limited accommodations near area.

**For Information:** Bridger Bowl, Inc.  
Bozeman, Mont. 59715  
406-586-2389

## Z-T

### DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 16 miles southeast of Butte, Montana, on old U.S. 10.  
**Normal Season:** December 15 to April 1.  
**Operation:** Weekends, holidays, and some weekdays; night skiing.  
**Elevations:** 6430 feet to 7110 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 30 acres of runs. Advanced — 25% Intermediate — 55% Novice — 20%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
t-bar	680	2380	720
platter	460	1800	380

**Facilities:** Day lodge with snack bar and bierstube, ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Butte and Whitehall.

**For Information:** Z-T Enterprises  
Route 1,  
Whitehall, Mont. 59759

## North South Ski Bowl

### ST. JOE NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 28 miles south of St. Maries, Idaho on U.S. 95A.  
**Normal Season:** December 15 to March 15.  
**Operation:** Weekends, holidays, some week days, night skiing.  
**Elevations:** 3480 feet to 3860 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 30 acres of runs. Advanced — 20% Intermediate — 70% Novice — 10%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	400	1360	1200
two rope tows			

**Facilities:** Day lodge with snack bar, rentals, and ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At St. Maries, Idaho.

**For Information:** Washington State University  
c/o Campus Recreation Office  
Pullman, Wash. 99163



## Red Lodge Mountain

### CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 6 miles west of Red Lodge, Montana.  
**Normal Season:** November 15 to April 15.  
**Operation:** Daily  
**Elevations:** 7400 feet to 9400 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 125 acres of runs. Advanced — 40% Intermediate — 50% Novice — 10%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	1020	3150	700
chair	910	3940	800
platter	160	960	500
mini-lift	410	1030	350

**Facilities:** Day lodge, cafeteria, bierstube, ski shop with rentals, and ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Red Lodge.

**For Information:** Red Lodge.



## Teton Pass

### LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 36 miles northwest of Choteau, Montana.  
**Normal Season:** December 1 to April 15.  
**Operation:** Weekends and holidays.  
**Elevation:** 6150 feet to 6900 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 44 acres of runs. Advanced — 20% Intermediate — 70% Novice — 10%

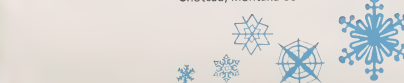
TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
platter	410	1800	600
rope tow and two minilifts			

**Facilities:** Warming shelter with snack bar, ski shop with rentals.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Choteau.

**Other:** New chairlift planned for 73-74 season.

**For Information:** Teton Pass, Inc.  
Choteau, Montana 59442



## Schweitzer Basin

### KANIKSU NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 10 miles north of Sandpoint, Idaho.  
**Normal Season:** November 20 to April 15.  
**Operation:** Daily  
**Elevations:** 4600 feet to 6400 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 200 acres runs, 600 acres other. Advanced — 10% Intermediate — 80% Beginner — 10%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	1670	5500	660
chair	580	2660	1200
chair	250	1350	1100
chair	1280	3400	1000
chair	1530	5500	950
chair	1560	6600	950
t-bar	380	1100	750
t-bar	820	2250	750
t-bar	280	1800	450
t-bar	490	1300	450
two rope tows			

**Facilities:** Day lodge, cafeteria, bierstube, ski shop with rentals, and ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Sandpoint, only limited facilities on mountain.

**For Information:** Schweitzer, Inc./Box 492  
Sandpoint, Idaho 83864 / 208-303-4585

## Lookout Pass

### COEUR D'ALENE NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 13 miles east of Wallace, Idaho, on I-90 at Montana line.  
**Normal Season:** December 1 to April 5.  
**Operation:** Weekends, holidays, and some weekdays.  
**Elevation:** 4740 feet to 5550 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 60 acres of runs. Advanced — 50% Intermediate — 35% Novice — 15%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
platter	780	2600	650
platter	760	2780	900
two rope tows			

**Facilities:** Day lodge, snack bar, ski shop with rentals.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Mullan and Wallace.

**For Information:** Idaho Ski Club  
Box 983  
Wallace, Idaho 83873



## Discovery Basin

### DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 20 miles west of Anaconda, Montana.  
**Normal Season:** November 20 to April 8.  
**Elevation:** 6800 feet to 8150 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** Under development. Advanced — 30% Intermediate — 50% Novice — 20%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	1300	5100	1000
minilift			

**Facilities:** Day lodge, cafeteria, and ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Anaconda and at Philipsburg, Montana.

**Other:** New area under construction, planned for operation in 1973.

**For Information:** Discovery Basin, Inc.  
Philipsburg, Mont. 59858



## Lost Trail Pass

### BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** On U.S. 93 on Montana-Idaho line.  
**Normal Season:** December 1 to April 20.  
**Operation:** Weekends and holidays.  
**Elevation:** 7050 feet to 7720 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 70 acres of runs. Advanced — 50% Intermediate — 45% Novice — 5%

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	650	2290	725
three rope tows			

**Facilities:** Warming shelter and snack bar, ski instruction available.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Darby, Montana and Salmon, Idaho.

**For Information:** William Grasser or Charles Shuland  
Box 248A  
Hamilton, Montana 59840



## Corona Lake

### LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

**Location:** 15 miles north of Plains, Montana.  
**Normal Season:** December 15 to April 1.  
**Operation:** Weekends, holidays, and some weekdays.  
**Elevation:** 5220 feet to 5820 feet.  
**Ski Terrain:** 23 acres of runs. Intermediate — 85% Novice — 15%

**Lifts and Tows:** Two rope tows.

**Facilities:** Warming shelter, rental equipment.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Plains.

**For Information:** Stanton L. Diehl  
Plains, Montana 59859



## Ski Signs



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More Difficult

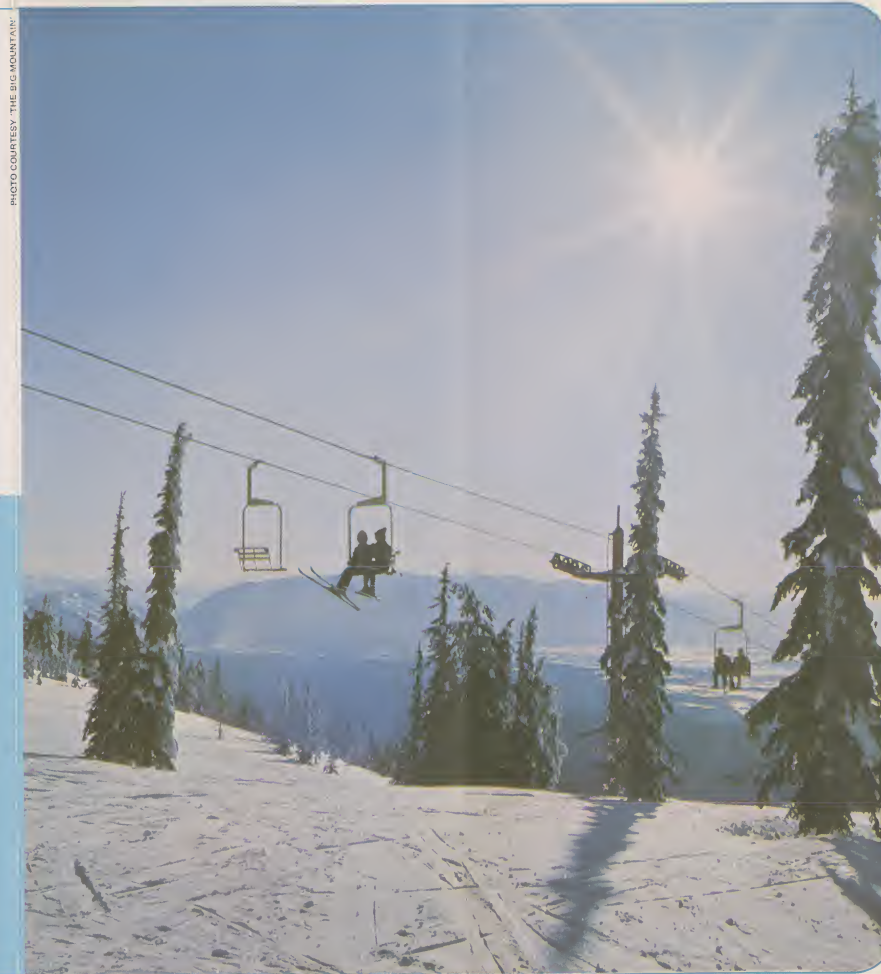


Most Difficult



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## Other Ski Areas

The following ski areas are not on National Forest lands, but are within the area of the Northern Region.

AREA	LOCATION	LIFTS	FOR INFORMATION	AREA	LOCATION	LIFTS	FOR INFORMATION
NE Washington Areas				Montana Areas			
Snowblaze on Mt. Spokane	30 miles NE of Spokane, Wash.	4 chair 1 t-bar 5 ropes	Mt. Spokane Chairlift, Inc. N. 5328 Washington St. Spokane, Wash. 99208 / 509-238-6802	Bear Canyon	3 miles E. of Bozeman, Mont.	1 chair 1 rope	Bear Canyon, Route 2 Bozeman, Mont. 59715 406-586-5740
Holiday Hills	Liberty Lake Washington	1 chair	Holiday Hills, Box 1831 Liberty Lake, Wash. 99019 / 509-928-2500	Bear Paw	30 miles So. of Havre, Mont.	1 platter 2 ropes	Bear Paw Ski Area Havre, Mont. 59501
North Idaho Areas				Castle Hill	10 miles SE of Lewistown, Mont.	3 ropes	Howard Kolstad Route 1, Lewistown, Mont. 59457 406-538-3554
Jackass	6 miles south of Kellogg, Idaho	1 chair 1 rope	Jackass Ski Bowl Kellogg, Idaho 83837 / 208-786-9521	Beef Trail	8 miles SW of Butte, Mont.	1 t-bar 3 ropes	Fritz's Ski Haus Butte, Mont. 59701 406-792-2242
Bald Mtn.	9 miles NW of Pierce, Idaho	1 t-bar 2 ropes	Bald Mtn. Ski Club Headquarters, Idaho 83534 / 208-464-2278	Deep Creek	45 miles SW of Butte, Mont.	1 t-bar 1 rope	Larry Christiansen Box 16, Wisdom, Mont. 59761 406-689-2594
Snowhaven	10 miles south of Grangeville, Idaho	1 rope 1 mini	Chamber of Commerce Grangeville, Idaho 83530 / 208-983-0460	Funland	Jardine, Mont.	1 mini	Dick Blankenship Jardine, Mont. 59030
Cottonwood Butte	5 miles west of Cottonwood, Idaho	1 t-bar 1 rope	Ladd Arnoti, Box 138 Cottonwood, Idaho 83522 208-962-3624	Belmont	near Marysville, 23 miles north of Helena, Mont.	1 t-bar 1 platter 2 ropes	Belmont Ski Club Helena, Mont. 59601
Tamarack	17 miles NE of Moscow, Idaho	1 t-bar 1 rope	Moscow Mtn. Ski Corp. Box 207, Moscow, Idaho 83843 208-882-2424				

BIG SKY OF MONTANA is a new resort and winter sports area under development 40 miles south of Bozeman, Montana. It will be partially on Gallatin National Forest lands. Planning calls for operation by the 1973-74 season. The initial development will consist of a gondola lift and three chairlifts. Helicopters presently serve skiing and cross country skiing at Big Sky. For information: Big Sky of Montana, Box 80, Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730 / Telephone 406-763-4249.

THE ALL AMERICAN SUMMER SKI CAMP operates annually from about June 7 through July 15 on the Gallatin National Forest near Cooke City, Montana. Instruction is provided on snow fields served by portable tows. For information: John Hitchcock, 65 Cole Ave., Williams-town, MA 01267 / Telephone 413-458-4455.





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# SKI GUIDE

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National Forest

## Skiing National Forests

Winter sports discoveries are being made in the Northern Rockies. Until recent years, winter snowfields were unmarked except for the tracks of roving marten or cougar. Today, graceful scrolls decorate the snowclad mountains. These ski trails are the markings of a new mountain man. He isn't a prospector. With his family, this mountain man seeks out the recreational treasure of the snow and the slope. The avid and experienced seek the deep, soft snow and the steep terrain. But there is a variety of skiing treasure in the National Forests of the Northern Region. There is snow country for every taste and talent.

Winter sports activities are growing in popularity as more and more Americans seek outdoor recreation on the National Forests. Visits to the Northern Region National Forests for skiing increased from 45,000 in 1951 to 562,800 in 1971.

National Forest ski areas are developed and operated by private enterprise, civic groups, community organizations, or ski clubs under permits from the Forest Service.

Over 200 ski areas in the United States, including about 80 percent of the ski areas in the West, are wholly or partially in National Forest lands. Forest Service snow rangers make surveys, locate, and study potential ski areas. Where a need exists, potential areas are offered for development. Ski developments in the National Forest must meet strict requirements for public safety and protection of the environment.

The Forest Service, as the leading public agency concerned with skiing, cooperates with other organizations and the skiing industry to provide safer and better skiing. Avalanche control in the United States was pioneered by Forest Service snow rangers at Alta, Utah, starting in 1937. The Forest Service has a continuing snow avalanche research program for training avalanche control personnel. Forest Service winter sports specialists are responding to the challenge to plan and develop ski areas in harmony with environmental objectives. Forest Service engineers work with State agencies and manufacturers to insure that ski lifts and towes are as safe as possible. Cooperation with volunteer and paid ski patrols, ski instructor groups, ski area operators, and skier organizations is a continuing Forest Service role.

## Grassy Mountain

**HELENA NATIONAL FOREST**

**Location:** 23 miles east of Townsend, Montana, on U.S. 12.

**Normal Season:** December 15 to March 15.

**Operation:** Weekends and holidays.

**Elevation:** 5600 feet to 6190 feet.

**Ski Terrain:** 20 acres of runs. Advanced — 10% Intermediate — 80% Novice — 10%

**Lifts and Tows:**

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
platter	570	2130	240
rope tow			

**Facilities:** Warming shelter and snack bar.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Townsend.

**For Information:** Grassy Mountain Ski Club, Townsend, Montana 59644



## Whitehall Hill

**DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST**

**Location:** 15 miles west of Anaconda, Montana on U.S. 10A.

**Normal Season:** December 20 to March 31.

**Operation:** Weekends and holidays.

**Elevation:** 6430 feet to 7020 feet.

**Ski Terrain:** 23 acres of runs, 9 acres other. Advanced — 20% Intermediate — 70% Novice — 10%

**Lifts and Tows:** Four rope towes.

**Facilities:** Day lodge with snack bar.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Anaconda.

**For Information:** Anaconda Ski Club, Anaconda, Montana 59711



## Turner Mountain

**KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST**

**Location:** 23 miles north of Libby, Montana.

**Normal Season:** December 1 to March 31.

**Operation:** Fridays, weekends and holidays.

**Elevation:** 3780 feet to 5950 feet.

**Ski Terrain:** 75 acres of runs, 100 acres other. Advanced — 85% Intermediate — 12% Novice — 3%

**Lifts and Tows:**

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
t-bar	2160	5600	550
rope tow			

**Facilities:** Warming shelter with snack bar.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Libby.

**Information:** Kootenai Winter Sports, Inc., Libby, Mont. 59923



## Maverick Mountain

**BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST**

**Location:** 50 miles west of Dillon, Montana near Elkhorn Hot Springs.

**Normal Season:** December 1 to April 15.

**Operations:** Weekends, holidays, and some weekdays.

**Elevation:** 7150 feet to 8800 feet.

**Ski Terrain:** 120 acres of runs. Advanced — 10% Intermediate — 85% Novice — 5%

**Lifts and Tows:**

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	1450	4550	550
platter	300	1350	500

**Facilities:** Day lodge, cafeteria, rentals, and ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** In vicinity of area, Elkhorn, Jackson, and Dillon.

**For Information:** Beaverhead Winter Sports, Inc., Dillon, Mont. 59725



## Missoula Snow Bowl

**LOLO NATIONAL FOREST**

**Location:** 14 miles north of Missoula, Montana, turn north off Reserve Street interchange I-90.

**Normal Season:** November 15 to April 15.

**Operation:** Tuesday through Sunday.

**Elevation:** 5000 feet to 7600 feet.

**Ski Terrain:** 130 acres of runs, 200 acres other. Advanced — 78% Intermediate — 20% Novice — 2%

**Lifts and Tows:**

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	1970	5500	550
t-bar	810	2780	350
platter	600	1600	250
rope tow			

**Facilities:** Day lodge, cafeteria, ski shop, rentals and ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Missoula.

**For Information:** Missoula Snow Bowl Inc., Missoula, Mont. 59801 406-549-4978



## Snow Avalanches

Snow avalanches are a hazard wherever snow accumulates on steep mountain slopes. The hazard is increasing as more skiers, snowmobilers, ski tourers, and mountaineers go to the mountains in winter and are exposed to avalanches.

During the winter of 1971-72 in the western United States, 63 people were wholly or partially buried by snowslides, 17 of these were injured. There were five fatalities. At developed winter sports areas, the area operators, ski patrol, and Forest Service snow rangers check for avalanche danger. Avalanche hazard areas are closed to skiing until the hazard has been controlled.

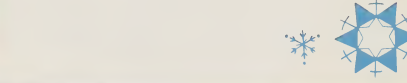
**TRAVEL IN AVALANCHE TERRAIN**

1. Never travel alone.
2. Never expose more than one person at a time to avalanche danger.
3. Stay off avalanche paths.
4. Safest route is on ridges; the next safest on the valley floor.
5. Danger is greatest during or immediately after a heavy snowfall.
6. Do not assume a slope is safe just because it did not slide when the first person crossed.
7. Check with ski patrol or snow ranger before traveling in avalanche country.

**AVALANCHE RESCUE: YOU ARE THE SURVIVOR**

DON'T PANIC — check for further danger. MARK LAST SEEN POINT — use ski, pole, or large branch. QUICK SEARCH. SEARCH SURFACE BELOW LAST SEEN POINT. PROBE — use ski poles. SEND FOR HELP — send party of two; continue search with other survivors, for few victims survive over 2 hours in snow.

**FIRST AID —** for suffocation and shock.



## Chewelah Basin

**KANIKSU NATIONAL FOREST**

**Location:** 11 miles east of Chewelah, Washington.

**Normal Season:** December 1 to April 1.

**Operation:** Daily.

**Elevation:** 4000 feet to 5770 feet.

**Ski Terrain:** 370 acres of runs. Advanced — 50% Intermediate — 35% Novice — 15%

**Lifts and Tows:**

TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
chair	1740	6640	1050
chair	790	3440	950
chair	350	1900	1000

**Facilities:** Day lodge, cafeteria, ski shop with rentals, ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At area and in Chewelah.

**Other:** Chewelah Basin is a new ski area opening for the 1972-73 season.

**For Information:** Chewelah Basin, Inc., Chewelah, Wash. 99109

## Marshall

**LOLO NATIONAL FOREST**

**Location:** 6 miles east of Missoula, Montana, off State Highway 200.

**Normal Season:** December 20 to March 15.

**Operation:** Weekends, holidays, weekday afternoons and nights.

**Elevation:** 3900 feet to 5400 feet.

**Ski Terrain:** 60 acres of runs. Advanced — 20% Intermediate — 70% Novice — 10%

**Lifts and Tows:**

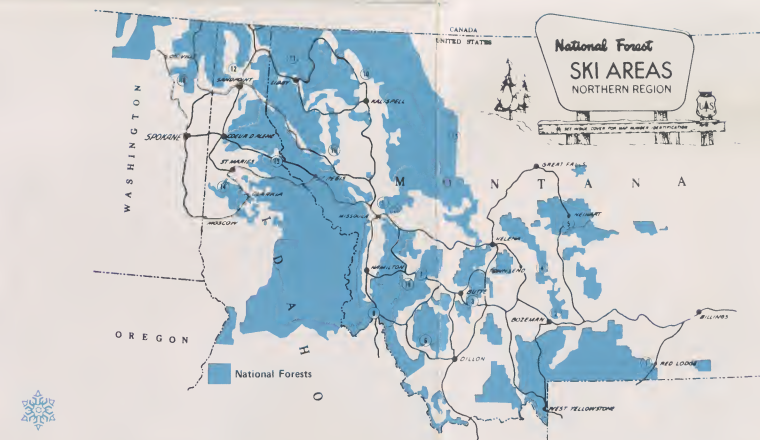
TYPE	VERTICAL	SLOPE	HOURLY CAPACITY
platter	900	2890	800
t-bar	600	2980	1160
four rope towes			

**Facilities:** Day lodge, snack counter, rentals, and ski school.

**Overnite Accommodations:** At Missoula.

**Other:** New chairlift under construction: 950 feet vertical, 3200 slope distance.

**For Information:** Si and Velma Green, Route 4, Missoula, Mont. 59801 406-258-6619



## The National Forests America's playgrounds

MAP LOCATION	SKI AREA	NEAREST FOREST RANGER	MAP LOCATION	SKI AREA	NEAREST FOREST RANGER
1	Red Lodge Mountain Custer National Forest	Red Lodge, Mont. 59068 Phone 446-2103	11	Turner Mountain Kootenai National Forest	Libby, Montana 59923 Phone 293-5456
2	Bridger Bowl Gallatin National Forest	Bozeman, Montana 59715 Phone 587-4511	12	Schweitzer Basin Kaniksu National Forest	Sandpoint, Idaho 83864 Phone 265-3312
3	Z-T Deerlodge National Forest	Whitehall, Montana 59759 Phone 287-3223	13	Lookout Pass Coeur d'Alene National Forest	Wallace, Idaho 83873 Phone 752-3161
4	Grassy Mountain Helena National Forest	Townsend, Mont. 59644 Phone 266-3425	14	North-South St. Joe National Forest	Clarkia, Idaho 83812 Phone CH5-4381
5	Kings Hill Lewis & Clark National Forest	Neihart, Montana 59465 Phone 236-5321	15	Teton Pass Lewis & Clark National Forest	Choteau, Montana 59422 Phone 466-5771
6	Maverick Mountain Beaverhead National Forest	Dillon, Montana Phone 683-2312	16	Corona Lake Lolo National Forest	Plains, Montana 59859 Phone 826-3629
7	Wraith Hill Deerlodge National Forest	Deer Lodge, Mont. 59722 Phone 846-1770	17	Marshall Lolo National Forest	Missoula, Montana 59801 Phone 549-6511
8	Lost Trail Bitterroot National Forest	Sula, Montana 59871 Phone 821-3329	18	Chewelah Basin Kaniksu National Forest	Newport, Wn 99156 Phone 447-3129
9	Snow Bowl Lolo National Forest	Missoula, Montana 59801 Phone 549-6511	19	Discovery Basin Deerlodge National Forest	Philipsburg, Montana Phone 849-3211
10	Big Mountain Flathead National Forest	Whitefish, Montana 59937 Phone 862-2508			